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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:
SMITH, ROBERT J.

REF: STATE 194199

1. DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS: SMITH WAS ARRESTED
7/14/75 AT ZIHUATANEJO, GUERRERO. CONOFF LEARNED
OF ARREST FROM LAWYER FRIEND OF SMITH. ATTEMPTED TO
REACH HIM BUT HE WAS BEING TRANSFERRED TO ACAPULCO.
WHEN CONOFF TELEPHONE PRISON HE WAS TOLD SMITH NOT
YET CONSIGNED, STILL BEING HELD FOR INTERROGATION.
DIRECTOR OF PRISON PROMISED HE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY
WHEN SMITH ARRIVED, BUT DID NOT DO SO. CONOFF CALLED
AGAIN 8/6/75 AND SPOKE TO SMITH. VISITED 8/25/75.

2. MISTREATMENT AT TIME OF ARREST: SMITH ALLEGED TO
CONOFF 8/6/75 THAT HE WAS INTERROGATED SIX DAYS AND
BEATEN ON BODY AND BOTTOMS OF FEET, BUT HE DID NOT
WANT EMBASSY TO MAKE A FORMAL PROTEST AT THIS TIME.

3. DENIAL OF REASONABLE CARE: SMITH TOLD CONOFF 11/28/75
HE HAD NO COT IN CELL. CONOFF OBTAINED ONE FOR HIM
FROM PRISON DIRECTOR. HE ALSO COMPLAINED THAT
HE NEEDED CHEST X-RAY BUT THAT HE WAS PUT OFF FOR
NO REASON. CONOFF SPOKE TO DIRECTOR WHO EXPLAINED
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AS HE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE
SMITH OUT OF PRISON UNDER HEAVY GUARD -- HE ONCE
ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE, BUT THAT HE WOULD GET HIS
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